

HOUSE BILL 1252

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AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 56,  
relative to reimbursement of medical claims.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 56-7-109(b)(1), is amended by  
adding the following as a new subdivision:

(C)

(i) Not later than ten (10) calendar days after receiving a claim by  
electronic submission for a service that was approved under a health insurance  
entity's preauthorization process before it was performed, a health insurance  
entity shall:

(a) If the entire claim was approved under the preauthorization  
process, pay the total covered amount of the claim; or

(b) If only a portion of the claim was approved under the  
preauthorization process, pay the covered amount of the portion of the  
claim that was approved under the preauthorization process and respond  
to any remaining portion in accordance with subdivision (b)(1)(B).

(ii) For purposes of this subdivision (b)(1)(C), "preauthorization" has the  
same meaning as in § 56-6-703.

SECTION 2. Nothing in this act shall be construed or interpreted as applying to the  
TennCare programs under Title XIX of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. § 1396 et seq.) or any  
successor to the TennCare program administered pursuant to the federal Medicaid laws.

SECTION 3. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring  
it, and shall apply to claims submitted on or after that date.